Coal supplied by the Coal India Limited

71. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "CIL's poor quality incites consumer protest" as published in the 'Indian Express' of 5th July, 1987;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a large number of complaints have been received from various sections about the inferior quality of coal supplied by the CIL; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto and what further steps have been contemplated by Government to improve the quality of coal?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There have been some complaints about the quality of coal by consumers. These complaints relate to size of coal, low calorific value and the presence of extraneous material. Each of these complaints is investigated and corrective action taken. Important steps taken to improve the quality of coal supplied to the consumers include:

(1) Setting up of a quality control organisation in each coal company.

(2) Installation of coal handling and screening plants in a phased manner.

(3) Breaking of oversize coal and removal of extraneous material manually to the extent possible at loading points where coal handling plants are not available.

(4) Facilities of pre-inspection to consumers at loading points.

Setting up of more Power Projects

72. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to set up some more power projects in the States where there is acute power shortage;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) which are the States facing acute shortage of power at present; and

(d) by when the proposed power projects will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Central Government proposes to set up more power projects to mitigate the power shortages in States. The details are given in the attached statement(*See* below).

(c) During the period April—June, 1987, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh faced power shortages of more than 10 per cent.

(d). These projects are intended to yield benefits during the Seventh and Eighth Plan periods.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/Executing Agency	Likely benefits (MW) during	
		7th Plan	8th plan
	Northern Region		
1	Salal	345	..
2	Dulhasti	..	390
3	Chamera I	180	360
4	Tanakpur	..	120
5	Singrauli-II	1000	..
6	Rihand-I	1000	..
7	Auriya G.T.	400	200
8	Anta GT	300	130
9	Narora APP (Nuclear)	470	..
10	NCTPP (Murad Nagar)	..	840
11	Tehri	..	1000
12	RAPP Ext. (Nuclear)	..	470
	Western Region		
1	Korba STPS Unit-4	500	..
2	Korba STPS Ext.	1000	..
3	Vindhyachal	1260	..
4	Kawas G.T.	400	200
5	K krapara (Nuclear)	..	470
	Southern Region		
1	Ramagundam	500	..
2	Ramagundam Ext.	500	500
3	Neyveli 2nd Mine cut	630	..
4	Neyveli 2nd Mine cut Ext.	210	620
5	Kalpakkam Unit-2 (Nuclear)	235	..
6	Kaiga (Nuclear)	..	470
	Eastern Region		
1	Farakka STPS St. I	630	..
2	Farakka STPS St. II	..	1000
3	Kahalgeon	..	840
4	Talcher STPS	..	1000

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/Executing Agency	Likely benefits (MW) During 7th Plan	8th Plan
5.	Panchet Hill	40	..
6.	Bokaro 'B'	630	..
7.	Gas Turbines	90	..
8.	Mejia	..	630
North-Eastern Region			
1.	Kopili Unit 3 & 4	100	..
2.	Doyang	..	105
3.	Garo Hills	..	60
4.	Rungnadi	..	405
5.	Kaithalguri GT	..	270

Bio-gas Plants in Punjab

73. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all community bio-gas plants in Punjab which are financed by the Central Government are operating at a loss;

(b) if so, what are the details of the losses incurred by bio-gas plants in Punjab during the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons for the losses and further action contemplated by the Central Government to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Most of the Community Biogas Plants commissioned in Punjab are financially self sustaining or making marginal profits. The main objective of the CBP scheme is to meet the minimum needs of clean cooking fuel of the community through recycling of animal and human wastes in financially self sustaining projects. For this purpose the Government has sanctioned only six months operation and maintenance charges besides the capital cost. Even plants with notional small loss of Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/- p.m. will become self sustaining as soon as the slurry/biomanure generated by these plants is sold. Efforts in this regard are continuing.

The scheme is now becoming popular in many areas including Punjab and the beneficiary communities are now willing to participate financially in the projects.

Mini hydel power projects

74. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feasibility study has been carried out in the country for installing mini hydel power projects;

(b) if so, what is the total estimated energy potential in the country which can be exploited;

(c) what are the details of the existing mini hydel power projects, if any, in the country; and